

Mandarin for Elementary Students with Jiamin

Instructions:

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Topics

Mandarin greeting and daily conversation skills, songs and games

Lesson Ideas

****Lesson Title****

Mandarin for Elementary Students

****Duration****

1 Hour

****Lesson Plan****

1. ****Introduction (5 minutes)****

- Welcome students.
- Briefly introduce the lesson and its goals.

2. ****Greetings and Basic Phrases (15 minutes)****

- Teach basic greetings: 你好 (nǐ hǎo), 早上好 (zǎo shang hǎo), 晚上好 (wǎn shàng hǎo), 再见 (zài jiàn).
- Practice with students in pairs.

3. ****Daily Conversation Skills (15 minutes)****

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- Introduce common phrases:
 - 你好吗？(nǐ hǎo ma? - How are you?)
 - 我很好，谢谢 (wǒ hěn hǎo, xiè xiè - I'm good, thank you)
 - 你叫什么名字？(nǐ jiào shén me míng zì? - What is your name?)
 - 我叫...[name] (wǒ jiào... - My name is...)
- Role-play scenarios.

4. **Song: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" in Mandarin (10 minutes)**

- Teach the song: 一闪一闪亮晶晶 (yī shǎn yī shǎn liàng jīng jīng).
- Sing together as a group.

5. **Game Time: Mandarin Bingo (10 minutes)**

- Create bingo cards with the words and phrases learned.
- Play a round or two of bingo.

6. **Review and Closing (5 minutes)**

- Recap the key phrases and song.
- Encourage students to use these phrases at home.

Materials List

- Whiteboard and markers
- Flashcards with Mandarin phrases
- Bingo cards and markers
- Speaker for playing the song
- Printouts of the song lyrics in Mandarin

Adaptations for Different Ages

- **Younger Children (Kindergarten to 2nd grade):**
 - Use more visual aids and hand gestures.
 - Keep the conversation phrases simpler and shorter.
- **Older Children (3rd to 5th grade):**
 - Introduce more complex sentences for daily conversations.
 - Encourage them to create their own dialogues.

Movement Break

- Midway through the lesson, include a 2-minute movement break:

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- Play "Simon Says" using Mandarin instructions (e.g., 张开嘴巴 (zhāng kāi zuǐ bā) - open your mouth).

****Bonus Activities****

- ****Mandarin Numbers Game:****

- Teach numbers 1 to 10 in Mandarin.
- Create a quick counting game where students stand up as they count in Mandarin.

- ****Craft Activity:****

- Students can draw and label pictures of their family members in Mandarin (e.g., 妈妈 (mā ma) - mother, 爸爸 (bà ba) - father).

Series Outline

1. Week 1: Introduction to Mandarin

- Learn basic greetings: "Hello" (你好 - nǐ hǎo) and "Goodbye" (再见 - zàijiàn)
- Practice introductions: "My name is..." (我叫 - wǒ jiào)
- Simple classroom commands: "Listen" (听 - tīng), "Look" (看 - kàn)
- Play a name tag game to practice introductions

2. Week 2: Numbers and Counting

- Learn numbers 1-10 in Mandarin
- Counting games using objects (e.g., counting blocks, beads)
- Sing a number song in Mandarin
- Practice writing numbers in Mandarin characters

3. Week 3: Colors and Shapes

- Introduce basic colors: red (红 - hóng), blue (蓝 - lán), yellow (黄 - huáng), etc.
- Use colored flashcards for matching games
- Learn shapes: circle (圆 - yuán), square (方 - fāng), triangle (三角 - sānjiǎo)
- Create a color and shape collage using Mandarin labels

4. Week 4: Family Members

- Vocabulary for family members: mother (妈妈 - māma), father (爸爸 - bàba), siblings, etc.
- Create a family tree with labeled pictures

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- Role-play conversations about family
- Draw and label family portraits

5. Week 5: Daily Activities

- Key phrases for daily routines: eating (吃 - chī), sleeping (睡 - shuì), playing (玩 - wán)
- Create a daily routine chart in Mandarin
- Act out daily activities using new vocabulary
- Learn "Good Morning" (早上好 - zǎoshang hǎo) and "Good Night" (晚安 - wǎn'ān)

6. Week 6: Food and Drinks

- Vocabulary for common foods and beverages: rice (米饭 - mǐfàn), water (水 - shuǐ), etc.
- Cooking activity: simple Mandarin recipe with labeled ingredients
- Create a menu with picture and word labels
- Practice ordering food in a mock restaurant setup

7. Week 7: Animals

- Learn animal names: dog (狗 - gǒu), cat (猫 - māo), bird (鸟 - niǎo), etc.
- Visit a pet (real or virtual) and name animals in Mandarin
- Animal sound and movement games
- Read a simple story about animals in Mandarin

8. Week 8: Songs and Rhymes

- Learn and sing popular Mandarin children's songs
- Create hand motions or dance moves to go with the songs
- Practice pronunciation through repetitive song lyrics
- Compose a simple Mandarin rhyme as a class

9. Week 9: Seasons and Weather

- Vocabulary for seasons and weather: spring (春天 - chūntiān), rain (雨 - yǔ), sun (太阳 - tàiyáng), etc.
- Weather report activity using new words
- Craft seasonal scenes and label in Mandarin
- Discuss favorite weather and seasons in simple sentences

10. Week 10: Review and Celebrate

- Review all topics through games and activities
- Host a "Mandarin Day" with stations for each learned topic
- Students present skits or role-plays using their vocabulary
- Celebrate achievements with certificates and a mini-party with Mandarin treats

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